

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miele (US 2002/0055680).

**5     Response:**

10         The Applicant has read the Examiner's Response to Arguments, but does not agree that Miele teaches all of the limitations recited in claims 1 and 3. Specifically, claims 1 and 3 each recite that pulse stress signals are applied to the examinee, and that the frequency of the pulse stress signals is different from the heartbeat frequency of the examinee.

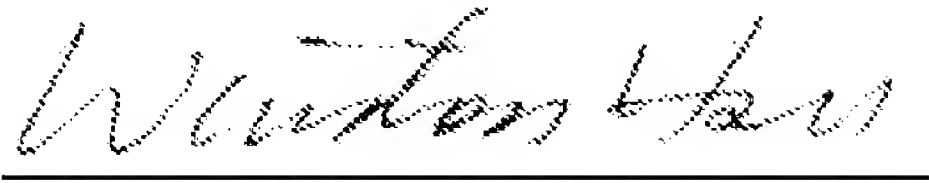
15         On the other hand, Miele teaches that pressure is applied to an examinee's artery during an applanation sweep, but does not teach that the pressure is applied in pulse stress signals that have a different frequency than then heartbeat frequency of the examinee. Miele does not explicitly mention the frequency of the pulse stress signals, and therefore does not teach or suggest that the pressure is applied in a different frequency than then heartbeat frequency of the examinee. For these reasons, the Applicant submits that Miele does not anticipate all of the claimed limitations contained in claims 1 and 3.

20         Furthermore, claims 2 and 4-5 are dependent on claims 1 and 3, and should be allowed if their respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-5 is therefore respectfully requested.

25         Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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